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Procurement Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee
on
Foreign Language Publications

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting held at 1400, 23 March 1954, at 350 26th Street

I. Presents:

Lt. Cmdr. W. C. Kruse, ONI
Major H. G. Neumann, AFOIN

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Mr. R. G. Gifford, State
Mr. E. J. Carroll, State
Mr. R. W. Bauer, G-2

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II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the fifth meeting (PSC-M-5) were approved.

III. New Member:

Mr. Richard W. Bauer reported as the new member from G-2 replacing Mr. Georgevitch.

IV. Publications Procurement Operation in London (PSC-D-8):

a. In the discussion of this report, it was pointed out that the entire IAC has an interest in the PPO program and that the current drive to reduce the number of official American representatives abroad, including a reduction in the number of military attaches, will make it more necessary than ever to have a coordinated procurement program. In addition to the IAC interests, such agencies as the Library of Congress which directly support the intelligence program are also hurt when the PPO program is reduced even though they have other sources for publications. A reduction in the quantity of receipts for the Library of Congress directly hurts the Air Information Division

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which operates a foreign document exploitation program for Air Force intelligence. It was further pointed out that the military attaches in general are not as well qualified in the field of publications selection and procurement as officers specifically trained for such duties.

b. The Subcommittee agreed on the following:

1. The Chairman should write a memorandum to the Chairman of the Advisory Committee pointing out the effects of the reduced PPO program and the interests of the IAC Agencies in seeing that the needs of intelligence are not further denied by additional reductions, but rather expansion is in order.
2. All agencies will make efforts to reduce the volume of commercially available publications requested through the Foreign Service, thereby lightening the load on the PPO program.
3. Certain devices were discussed which might aid in getting along without additional PPOs since the prospects for such expansion seem unfavorable at the moment. These devices include doing more micro-filming in the field and sending in films rather than original copies in order to reduce the costs of transportation and the strain on pouch facilities; expansion of the regional PPO idea with ad hoc PPOs working under the regional PPO's direction; preparation of a booklet for the guidance of ad hoc PPOs; and assigning selection duties to the ad hoc PPOs rather than using them primarily for filling orders.

V. Status of PPO Program:

Whereas it had been hoped that a new map procurement officer with a local publications assistant could be established in Tokyo, Mr. Carroll reported that such a position was not likely, at least during calendar year 1954. Under these circumstances, a plan to make use of a member of the 6002nd AISG in Tokyo for such purposes on an experimental basis will be followed up.

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IV. Other Discussion:

a. Major Neumann reported that recent letters from Mr. Vulfsen, now traveling in Europe in the interests of the Library of Congress and the Air Force, indicated that he was having considerable success in arrangements with book sellers.

b. Mr. Bauer reported that he had sent the "Want List of Chinese Academy Publications" to eighteen attaches with requests for collection if possible.

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